SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 288 By Kyle

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Russell Jay Tomsick, 2005 Salutatorian of Trezevant High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Russell Jay Tomsick is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2005 graduating class at Trezevant High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Mr. Tomsick has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Russell has earned an exemplary 3.587 grade point average while participating in the Student Council, Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC), the Rifle Team, and the Armed Drill Team and while offering sterling service as a member of the football and land navigation teams; and

WHEREAS, a leader among his peers, he has served as Class President, JROTC

Battalion Commander, and Commander of the Rifle Team and has also gained recognition for his record of perfect attendance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to garnering him the position of Salutatorian, Mr. Tomsick's dedication to academic excellence earned him recognition on the Honor Roll, the Distinguished Honor Roll, the National Honor Society, the Principal's List, and in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; and

WHEREAS, with a concern for his community that belies his young age, Russell

Tomsick has dedicated his time to food drives, toy drives, service at the Veteran's

Administration Hospital, and serving dinner to the less fortunate during the holiday season; and

WHEREAS, Russell Tomsick's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Russell's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Rosalyn Tomsick and Ronnie Tomsick, Sr., his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Russell Tomsick's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2005 Trezevant High School Salutatorian, Russell Jay Tomsick, on his impressive academic achievement and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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